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Dear Moo,

Of the things you asked me to do by phone last night, I have spoken to Dr. John Nichols. He is willing to help and to be a witness if his expenses are paid.

He is working hard on his own manuscript of the autopsy. He is also familiar with mine, having read it (and flipped) almost a year ago. His work schedule will keep him tied up nights, after his regular day of work, for about a week. I told him he could expect to hear from you or Alcock.

He is also working on Texas ends that will be determined before the trial can begin. By this I mean, he will know whether or not he will succeed or fail in these efforts, about which I cannot speak.

I asked him about Wecht, and he agrees if you want a man with the foremost scientific credentials, with a good understanding, and without the liabilities inherent in Helpern, who has a bigger non-scientific reputation (he assumes Oswald was an assassin, for example, without examination of that evidence), Wecht is ideal. It is Dr. Cyril Wecht, 1417 Frick Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa., 15219. Let me know if you want me to feel him out for you.

Jack's home phone is NIagra2-9460. His office phone, at the university's medical center, is AD6-5252. His office address is c/o Department of Pathology and Oncology (right), University of Kansas Medical Center, 39th Street at Rainbow Ave., Kansas City, Kansas. And he is a great guy personally.

If there is anything more you want me to do on this aspect, please let me know. Otherwise, I will consider this one thing completed.

Now on the autopsy generally, I do not know how you want to go into it or to what degree. I have an enormous amount of material on it, all of which will be available to you, but I will be reluctant for any that is not essential to be used because I have had a book on it done for more than a year. This represents a considerable investment in time and money. It is also the hottest book of all to now, as every critic who has read it says. If it is vital to your legal needs, okay. If it is to get a headline, nothing doing.

I will write you separately on the Dallas doctors.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg